

**Environmental Assessment
Determinations and Compliance Findings
for HUD-assisted Projects
24 CFR Part 58**

Project Information

Project Name: Ewing-Township-Senior-and-Community-Center

HEROS Number: 900000010350876

Responsible Entity (RE): EWING TOWNSHIP, 2 Jake Garzio Dr Ewing NJ, 08628

RE Preparer: Arina Maier

State / Local Identifier:

Certifying Officer: Ted Forst

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):

Point of Contact:

Consultant (if applicable): Remington & Vernick Engineers

Point of Contact: Arina Maier

Project Location: 999 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing Township, NJ 08628

Additional Location Information:

N/A

Direct Comments to: tforst@ewingnj.org

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

The project involves the demolition and the reconstruction of the Ewing Township Senior and Community Center (ESCC) that was destroyed in a fire in September 2022. The proposed ESCC building will be constructed in a single phase and will be a 2-story 75,000 SF facility that will serve the residents of Ewing Township. The proposed building will be constructed in the same area as the previous ESCC. Minor site improvements consisting of grading and landscaping are also proposed in conjunction with this project. Ewing Township owns the parcel and no additional land acquisition will be required to construct the new building.

Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

The Ewing Township Senior and Community Center (ESCC) was destroyed by a fire on September 22, 2022, and the purpose of this project is to construct a new ESCC building in the same area as the previous structure. The ESCC provides passive and active recreational activities and services for youths, adult, and senior citizens of Ewing Township. The ESCC provides many programs and services for the citizens of Ewing Township, therefore the only viable alternative is to construct a new ESCC building. Without the ESCC building, many of the programs and activities conducted at this facility will have to be re-evaluated as the Township cannot support these programs and activities in other Townships owned locations.

Existing Conditions and Trends [24 CFR 58.40(a)]:

The ESCC site has been active community center since 1964 and served as the Trenton Jewish Community Center. As with any developed site, ancillary improvements were constructed to support the building. The facility is surrounded by residential and commercial land uses. The site is known for the signature architecture of Louis I. Kahn, one of America's most influential architects of the twentieth century and the Bath House and Day Camp Pavilions were listed on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. The Trenton Bath House began operation in 1955 and programs were run through around 2006. However, use of the facility began to decline in the 1990s and so did the physical condition of the facility. Public funds were eventually raised to preserve the Bath House. Most of the property was subsequently purchased by Mercer County with funds from its Open Space Preservation Trust in 2007. Ownership of the property was transferred to Ewing Township, with conservation and historic preservation easements, protecting the property from development and maintaining the historic integrity of the structures. Ewing Township received a matching grant in 2009, in the amount of \$750,000, from the New Jersey Historic Trust for restoration of the Bath House and Day Camp Pavilions and the Township and Mercer County partnered to restore the structures. The Bath House was restored by 2011. This included reconstruction of two of the Day Camp Pavilions, and a new snack bar and plaza. The site was also rehabilitated to current accessibility standards. In 2012 a new community green and parking area were built, in accordance with Kahn's original intention and provide a gathering point

for community functions. Today, the site, now known as the Ewing Senior and Community Center, provides programs like those of the former Jewish Community Center.

Maps, photographs, and other documentation of project location and description:

Determination:

✓	Finding of No Significant Impact [24 CFR 58.40(g)(1); 40 CFR 1508.13] The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of human environment
	Finding of Significant Impact

Approval Documents:

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7015.15 certified by Certifying Officer on:

7015.16 certified by Authorizing Officer on:

Funding Information

Grant / Project Identification Number	HUD Program	Program Name	Funding Amount
00000000	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Project Funding (CPF) Grants	\$1,050,000.00
1102G013	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Development Block Grants (Section 108 Loan Guarantee)	\$1,082,965.00

Estimated Total HUD Funded, Assisted or Insured Amount: \$1,082,965.00

Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]: \$42,000,000.00

Compliance with 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5 and §58.6 Laws and Authorities

<p>Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5, and §58.6</p>	<p>Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?</p>	<p>Compliance determination (See Appendix A for source determinations)</p>
<p>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 & § 58.6</p>		
<p>Airport Hazards Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>The project site is not within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport. The project is in compliance with Airport Hazards requirements.</p>
<p>Coastal Barrier Resources Act Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>This project is not located in a CBRS Unit. Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act. FEMA Map Panel #34021C0118F</p>
<p>Flood Insurance Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>The structure or insurable property is not located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area. While flood insurance may not be mandatory in this instance, HUD recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The project is in compliance with flood insurance requirements.</p>
<p>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 & § 58.5</p>		
<p>Air Quality Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>The project's county or air quality management district is in non-attainment status for the following: Carbon monoxide, Ozone. This project does not exceed de minimis emissions levels or the screening level established by the state or air quality management district for the pollutant(s) identified above. The project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.</p>
<p>Coastal Zone Management Act Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>This project is not located in or does not affect a Coastal Zone as defined in the state Coastal Management Plan. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act. According to the NJ-GeoWeb website, the property is not located with a coastal zone. A PDF</p>

		of this map has been uploaded as part of this submission. The closest coastal zone to the project site is approximately 30 miles away.
Contamination and Toxic Substances 24 CFR 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Site contamination was evaluated as follows: None of the above. On-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances were found that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property. The adverse environmental impacts can be mitigated. With mitigation, identified in the mitigation section of this review, the project will be in compliance with contamination and toxic substances requirements.
Endangered Species Act Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	This project has been determined to have No Effect on listed species. This project is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act without mitigation.
Explosive and Flammable Hazards Above-Ground Tanks)[24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Based on the project description the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with explosive and flammable hazard requirements. The project involves the reconstruction of an existing residential structure. The reconstruction will occur in the same location as the previous structure. There are no known explosive or flammable hazards in the proximity of the existing/proposed structure.
Farmlands Protection Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	This project does not include any activities that could potentially convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use. The project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act. The Farmland Protection Policy Act does not apply to projects already in or committed to urban development or those that could otherwise not convert farmland to non-agricultural uses. The act is not applicable to this project

		because the land at and surrounding this project is for urban and forest land use only.
Floodplain Management Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	This project does not occur in a floodplain. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11988. HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 55 outline HUD's procedures for complying with EO 11988. This applies to HUD actions that could be harmed or cause harm if located in a floodplain, including but not limited to proposed acquisition, construction, demolition, improvement, disposition, and financing actions under any HUD program. The project is not located in a floodplain and thus the above actions are not applicable to this project.
Historic Preservation National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Based on the project description the project has No Potential to Cause Effects. The project is in compliance with Section 106.
Noise Abatement and Control Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	A Noise Assessment was conducted. The noise level was acceptable: 65.0 db. See noise analysis. The project is in compliance with HUD's Noise regulation. Project is not located within 1,000 ft of major roadway or within 15 miles of a military or FAA-regulated civil airfield. The project is located ~865 ft from Reading Railroad West Trenton NJ, within the acceptable range for railroads.
Sole Source Aquifers Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Based on the project description, the project consists of activities that are unlikely to have an adverse impact on groundwater resources. The project is in compliance with Sole Source Aquifer requirements. The project involves the reconstruction of an existing building that was damaged by fire, these activities are unlikely to have adverse impacts on groundwater.

Wetlands Protection Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	The project will not impact on- or off-site wetlands. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11990. Project involves the reconstruction of an existing building, the land surrounding the existing building is already developed and unlikely to contain wetlands.
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	This project is not within proximity of a NWSRS river. The project is in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
HUD HOUSING ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS		
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		
Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	No adverse environmental impacts were identified in the project's total environmental review. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 12898.

Environmental Assessment Factors [24 CFR 58.40; Ref. 40 CFR 1508.8 &1508.27]

Impact Codes: An impact code from the following list has been used to make the determination of impact for each factor.

- (1) Minor beneficial impact
- (2) No impact anticipated
- (3) Minor Adverse Impact – May require mitigation
- (4) Significant or potentially significant impact requiring avoidance or modification which may require an Environmental Impact Statement.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation	Mitigation
LAND DEVELOPMENT			
Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design		The proposed project involves the reconstruction of a Senior and Community Center that was damaged by a fire in 2022. The fire has rendered the facility unusable. There is no proposed change in use to the facility. It is anticipated that all applicable land use permits will be required and will be in conformance with applicable regulations. No impacts are anticipated due to site's previous use as a community and senior center.	No mitigation is required.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation	Mitigation
Soil Suitability / Slope/ Erosion / Drainage and Storm Water Runoff		Any increase in drainage or storm water runoff will be managed in accordance with the applicable Township Ordinances and/or NJDEP regulations. No impacts are anticipated regarding the suitability of the soil, slope, erosion, drainage or storm water runoff.	No mitigation is required.
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Site-Generated Noise		The project is not proposing to change the current use of the property. No impacts are anticipated to hazards and nuisances including site safety and site-generated noises.	No mitigation is required.
SOCIOECONOMIC			
Employment and Income Patterns		The reconstruction of the senior and community center is anticipated to have a minor positive impact to the current employment and income patterns. Previous users of the center have been redirected to the Township's other community center. Upon completion the new community center will include full time employees to staff and maintain the facility.	No mitigation is required.
Demographic Character Changes / Displacement		The project is not proposing to change the current use of the property. Therefore, no change in the demographic for the area are anticipated.	No mitigation is required.
Environmental Justice EA Factor		The project is not proposing to change the current use of the property. Therefore, no impacts to the Environmental Justice EA factor is anticipated.	No mitigation is required.
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES			
Educational and Cultural Facilities (Access and Capacity)		The reconstruction of the senior and community center is anticipated to have a minor positive impact to the resident's access to education and cultural facilities. Previous users of the center have been redirected to the Township's other community center. Upon completion the new community center will once again be able to provide educational and cultural resources to residents.	No mitigation is required.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation	Mitigation
Commercial Facilities (Access and Proximity)		The project is not proposing to change the current use of the property. No commercial facilities are proposed. Therefore, no impacts to the access and proximity of commercial facilities.	No mitigation is required.
Health Care / Social Services (Access and Capacity)		The reconstruction of the senior and community center is anticipated to have a minor positive impact to the resident's access and capacity to Health Care and Social Services. Previous users of the center have been redirected to the Township's other community center. Upon completion the new community center will once again be able to provide access to social services to residents.	No mitigation is required.
Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling (Feasibility and Capacity)		The project is not proposing to change the current use of the property. Therefore, no impacts to the feasibility and capability of solid waste disposal and/or recycling is anticipated.	No mitigation is required.
Waste Water and Sanitary Sewers (Feasibility and Capacity)		The project is not proposing to change the current use of the property. Therefore, no impacts to the feasibility and capability of the existing wastewater and sanitary sewer systems are anticipated.	No mitigation is required.
Water Supply (Feasibility and Capacity)		The project is not proposing to change the current use of the property. Therefore, no impacts to the feasibility and capability of the existing water supply is anticipated.	No mitigation is required.
Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical		The project is not proposing to change the current use of the property. Therefore, no impacts to the public safety, including police, fire and emergency medical, is anticipated.	No mitigation is required.
Parks, Open Space and Recreation (Access and Capacity)		The project is not proposing to change the current use of the property. Therefore, no impacts to the access and capacity of the parks, open space and recreational areas is anticipated.	No mitigation is required.
Transportation and Accessibility (Access and Capacity)		The project is not proposing to change the current use of the property. Therefore, no impacts to the access and capacity of the transportation and accessibility.	No mitigation is required.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation	Mitigation
NATURAL FEATURES			
Unique Natural Features /Water Resources		The project is not proposing to change the current use of the property. The proposed building is to be constructed on over the footprint of the existing building. No impacts to unique natural features and/or water resources are anticipated.	No mitigation is required.
Vegetation / Wildlife (Introduction, Modification, Removal, Disruption, etc.)		The project is not proposing to change the current use of the property. The proposed building is to be constructed on over the footprint of the existing building. No impacts to vegetation and/or wildlife are anticipated.	No mitigation is required.
Other Factors 1		No other environment factors are anticipated to be impacted.	No mitigation is required.
Other Factors 2			
CLIMATE AND ENERGY			
Climate Change		The project is not proposing to change the current use of the property. Therefore, no impacts to climate change is anticipated.	No mitigation is required.
Energy Efficiency		The project is not proposing to change the current use of the property. Therefore, no impacts to energy efficiency is anticipated.	No mitigation is required.

Supporting documentation

Additional Studies Performed:

Field Inspection [Optional]: Date and completed by:

List of Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection United States Department of
Agriculture Federal Emergency Management Agency Environmental Protection
Agency U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

List of Permits Obtained:

NJDEP Division of Land Use Permitting Municipal Permitting Erosion and Sediment
Control Authorization

Public Outreach [24 CFR 58.43]:

The Township held a public outreach meeting on November 13, 2023. Approximately
100 residents attended the meeting.

Cumulative Impact Analysis [24 CFR 58.32]:

The project is not expected to have any negative cumulative impacts on the
environment. The property was originally purchased in 1954 and was known as the
Trenton Jewish Community Center. Most of the property was subsequently purchased
by Mercer County in 2007. Ownership was transferred to Ewing Township. The
project is necessary to rebuild the community which was damaged in a fire in 2022.
The intent and use of the property is not proposed to change.

Alternatives [24 CFR 58.40(e); 40 CFR 1508.9]

The fire in 2022 rendered the building unusable. Options for the property included
rebuilding the community center, demolishing the building and maintaining
ownership of the property, or selling the property. Rebuilding the community
center proved to have the least amount of environmental impacts.

No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]

The no action alternative was not feasible safety. After the fire the building was
unhabitable. A vacant building would present a potential threat to the health and
safety of the public. If the property was sold, it's likely that the property would be
developed further potentially resulting in more environmental impacts.

Summary of Findings and Conclusions:

The project involves the reconstruction of an existing building that was damaged by a
fire in 2022. The proposed use of the building is proposed to remain unchanged from
the use prior to the fire. The building footprint is proposed to expand slightly. The
Community Center was a popular community resource to local residents and the
senior citizen population. This review did not identify any potential negative
impacts with the proposed project.

Mitigation Measures and Conditions [CFR 1505.2(c)]:

Summarized below are all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure or Condition	Comments on Completed Measures	Mitigation Plan	Complete
Flood Insurance	For loans, loan insurance or guarantees, the amount of flood insurance coverage must at least equal the outstanding principal balance of the loan or the maximum limit of coverage made available under the National Flood Insurance Program, whichever is less. For grants and other non-loan forms of financial assistance, flood insurance coverage must be continued for the life of the building irrespective of the transfer of ownership. The amount of coverage must at least equal the total project cost or the maximum coverage limit of the National Flood Insurance Program, whichever is less.	N/A		
Contamination and Toxic Substances	The site has been owned by the municipality since 2007. To the best of our knowledge, no outstanding compliance issues were identified at that time. No new environmental remediation concerns have been identified since 2007. The project involves the reconstruction/modification of a building that was damaged due to fire.	N/A		

Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Soil Suitability / Slope/ Erosion / Drainage and Storm Water Runoff	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Site-Generated Noise	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Employment and Income Patterns	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Demographic Character Changes / Displacement	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Environmental Justice EA Factor	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Educational and Cultural Facilities (Access and Capacity)	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Commercial Facilities (Access and Proximity)	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Health Care / Social Services (Access and Capacity)	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Solid Waste Disposal and	No mitigation is required.	N/A		

Recycling (Feasibility and Capacity)				
Waste Water and Sanitary Sewers (Feasibility and Capacity)	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Water Supply (Feasibility and Capacity)	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Parks, Open Space and Recreation (Access and Capacity)	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Transportation and Accessibility (Access and Capacity)	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Unique Natural Features /Water Resources	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Vegetation / Wildlife (Introduction, Modification, Removal, Disruption, etc.)	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Other Factors 1	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Climate Change	No mitigation is required.	N/A		
Energy Efficiency	No mitigation is required.	N/A		

Project Mitigation Plan

No mitigation is proposed.

Supporting documentation on completed measures

APPENDIX A: Related Federal Laws and Authorities

Airport Hazards

General policy	Legislation	Regulation
It is HUD's policy to apply standards to prevent incompatible development around civil airports and military airfields.		24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D

1. To ensure compatible land use development, you must determine your site's proximity to civil and military airports. Is your project within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport?

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload the map showing that the site is not within the applicable distances to a military or civilian airport below

Yes

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

The project site is not within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport. The project is in compliance with Airport Hazards requirements.

Supporting documentation

[ESCC GeoWeb map.pdf](#)

[Airport GoogleMaps.JPG](#)

[Airport GeoWeb.JPG](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

Coastal Barrier Resources

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD financial assistance may not be used for most activities in units of the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS). See 16 USC 3504 for limitations on federal expenditures affecting the CBRS.	Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA) of 1982, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 (16 USC 3501)	

1. Is the project located in a CBRS Unit?

No

Document and upload map and documentation below.

Yes

Compliance Determination

This project is not located in a CBRS Unit. Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.
FEMA Map Panel #34021C0118F

Supporting documentation

[FIRMETTE_03bcae1a-0361-4ea9-a49b-9e8de76362e1.pdf](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

Flood Insurance

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Certain types of federal financial assistance may not be used in floodplains unless the community participates in National Flood Insurance Program and flood insurance is both obtained and maintained.	Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 as amended (42 USC 4001-4128)	24 CFR 50.4(b)(1) and 24 CFR 58.6(a) and (b); 24 CFR 55.1(b).

1. Does this project involve financial assistance for construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of a mobile home, building, or insurable personal property?

No. This project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance.

Yes

2. Upload a FEMA/FIRM map showing the site here:

[FIRMETTE_03bcae1a-0361-4ea9-a49b-9e8de76362e1\(1\).pdf](#)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplains. The [FEMA Map Service Center](#) provides this information in the form of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). For projects in areas not mapped by FEMA, use the best available information to determine floodplain information. Include documentation, including a discussion of why this is the best available information for the site. Provide FEMA/FIRM floodplain zone designation, panel number, and date within your documentation.

Is the structure, part of the structure, or insurable property located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area?

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

4. While flood insurance is not mandatory for this project, HUD strongly recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Will flood insurance be required as a mitigation measure or condition?

Yes

No

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

The structure or insurable property is not located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area. While flood insurance may not be mandatory in this instance, HUD recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The project is in compliance with flood insurance requirements.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

Air Quality

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Clean Air Act is administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which sets national standards on ambient pollutants. In addition, the Clean Air Act is administered by States, which must develop State Implementation Plans (SIPs) to regulate their state air quality. Projects funded by HUD must demonstrate that they conform to the appropriate SIP.	Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401 et seq.) as amended particularly Section 176(c) and (d) (42 USC 7506(c) and (d))	40 CFR Parts 6, 51 and 93

1. Does your project include new construction or conversion of land use facilitating the development of public, commercial, or industrial facilities OR five or more dwelling units?

Yes

No

Air Quality Attainment Status of Project's County or Air Quality Management District

2. Is your project's air quality management district or county in non-attainment or maintenance status for any criteria pollutants?

No, project's county or air quality management district is in attainment status for all criteria pollutants.

Yes, project's management district or county is in non-attainment or maintenance status for the following criteria pollutants (check all that apply):

Carbon Monoxide

Lead

Nitrogen dioxide

Sulfur dioxide

- ✓ Ozone
- Particulate Matter, <2.5 microns
- Particulate Matter, <10 microns

3. What are the *de minimis* emissions levels (40 CFR 93.153) or screening levels for the non-attainment or maintenance level pollutants indicated above

Carbon monoxide 100.00 ppm (parts per million)
 Ozone 0.07 ppb (parts per million)

Provide your source used to determine levels here:
<https://www.epa.gov/air-trends/air-quality-design-values>

4. Determine the estimated emissions levels of your project. Will your project exceed any of the *de minimis* or threshold emissions levels of non-attainment and maintenance level pollutants or exceed the screening levels established by the state or air quality management district?

- ✓ No, the project will not exceed *de minimis* or threshold emissions levels or screening levels.

Enter the estimate emission levels:

Carbon monoxide 75.00 ppm (parts per million)
 Ozone 0.05 ppb (parts per million)

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes, the project exceeds *de minimis* emissions levels or screening levels.

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

The project's county or air quality management district is in non-attainment status for the following: Carbon monoxide, Ozone. This project does not exceed *de minimis* emissions levels or the screening level established by the state or air quality management district for the pollutant(s) identified above. The project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No

Coastal Zone Management Act

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Federal assistance to applicant agencies for activities affecting any coastal use or resource is granted only when such activities are consistent with federally approved State Coastal Zone Management Act Plans.	Coastal Zone Management Act (16 USC 1451-1464), particularly section 307(c) and (d) (16 USC 1456(c) and (d))	15 CFR Part 930

1. Is the project located in, or does it affect, a Coastal Zone as defined in your state Coastal Management Plan?

Yes

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload all documents used to make your determination below.

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Compliance Determination

This project is not located in or does not affect a Coastal Zone as defined in the state Coastal Management Plan. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act. According to the NJ-GeoWeb website, the property is not located with a coastal zone. A PDF of this map has been uploaded as part of this submission. The closest coastal zone to the project site is approximately 30 miles away.

Supporting documentation

[Coastal Zone - NJGeoweb.pdf](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

Contamination and Toxic Substances

General requirements	Legislation	Regulations
It is HUD policy that all properties that are being proposed for use in HUD programs be free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of the occupants or conflict with the intended utilization of the property.		24 CFR 58.5(i)(2) 24 CFR 50.3(i)

1. How was site contamination evaluated? Select all that apply. Document and upload documentation and reports and evaluation explanation of site contamination below.

- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA)
- ASTM Phase II ESA
- Remediation or clean-up plan
- ASTM Vapor Encroachment Screening

None of the Above

2. Were any on-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances found that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property? (Were any recognized environmental conditions or RECs identified in a Phase I ESA and confirmed in a Phase II ESA?)

No

Yes

3. Mitigation

Document and upload the mitigation needed according to the requirements of the appropriate federal, state, tribal, or local oversight agency. If the adverse environmental effects cannot be mitigated, then HUD assistance may not be used for the project at this site.

Can adverse environmental impacts be mitigated?

Adverse environmental impacts cannot feasibly be mitigated.

- ✓ Yes, adverse environmental impacts can be eliminated through mitigation.
Document and upload all mitigation requirements below.

4. Describe how compliance was achieved in the text box below. Include any of the following that apply: State Voluntary Clean-up Program, a No Further Action letter, use of engineering controls, or use of institutional controls.

The site has been owned by the municipality since 2007. To the best of our knowledge, no outstanding compliance issues were identified at that time. No new environmental remediation concerns have been identified since 2007. The project involves the reconstruction/modification of a building that was damaged due to fire.

If a remediation plan or clean-up program was necessary, which standard does it follow?

Complete removal

Risk-based corrective action (RBCA)

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Site contamination was evaluated as follows: None of the above. On-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances were found that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property. The adverse environmental impacts can be mitigated. With mitigation, identified in the mitigation section of this review, the project will be in compliance with contamination and toxic substances requirements.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

✓ Yes

No

Endangered Species

General requirements	ESA Legislation	Regulations
Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) mandates that federal agencies ensure that actions that they authorize, fund, or carry out shall not jeopardize the continued existence of federally listed plants and animals or result in the adverse modification or destruction of designated critical habitat. Where their actions may affect resources protected by the ESA, agencies must consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service (“FWS” and “NMFS” or “the Services”).	The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 <i>et seq.</i>); particularly section 7 (16 USC 1536).	50 CFR Part 402

1. Does the project involve any activities that have the potential to affect species or habitats?

No, the project will have No Effect due to the nature of the activities involved in the project.

No, the project will have No Effect based on a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office

- ✓ Yes, the activities involved in the project have the potential to affect species and/or habitats.

2. Are federally listed species or designated critical habitats present in the action area?

No, the project will have No Effect due to the absence of federally listed species and designated critical habitat

- ✓ Yes, there are federally listed species or designated critical habitats present in the action area.

3. What effects, if any, will your project have on federally listed species or designated critical habitat?

- ✓ No Effect: Based on the specifics of both the project and any federally listed species in the action area, you have determined that the project will have absolutely no effect on listed species or critical habitat. in the action area.

Document and upload all documents used to make your determination below. Documentation should include a species list and explanation of your conclusion, and may require maps, photographs, and surveys as appropriate

May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect: Any effects that the project may have on federally listed species or critical habitats would be beneficial, discountable, or insignificant.

Likely to Adversely Affect: The project may have negative effects on one or more listed species or critical habitat.

6. For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation. This information will be automatically included in the Mitigation summary for the environmental review. If negative effects cannot be mitigated, cancel the project using the button at the bottom of this screen.

Mitigation as follows will be implemented:

- ✓ No mitigation is necessary.

Explain why mitigation will not be made here:

According to the NJGeoWeb application, the site is predominantly listed as urban land. The proposed reconstruction of the building will occur within urban land. No trees, wetlands and/or watercourses are proposed to be disturbed as part of the project.

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Compliance Determination

Summary

This project has been determined to have No Effect on listed species. This project is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act without mitigation.

Supporting documentation

[IPaC Endangered Species 999Lower Ferry Ewing.pdf](#)
[NJ GeoWeb Map Land Use.pdf](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No

Explosive and Flammable Hazards

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD-assisted projects must meet Acceptable Separation Distance (ASD) requirements to protect them from explosive and flammable hazards.	N/A	24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C

1. Is the proposed HUD-assisted project itself the development of a hazardous facility (a facility that mainly stores, handles or processes flammable or combustible chemicals such as bulk fuel storage facilities and refineries)?

No

Yes

2. Does this project include any of the following activities: development, construction, rehabilitation that will increase residential densities, or conversion?

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Based on the project description the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with explosive and flammable hazard requirements. The project involves the reconstruction of an existing residential structure. The reconstruction will occur in the same location as the previous structure. There are no known explosive or flammable hazards in the proximity of the existing/proposed structure.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

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✓ No

Farmlands Protection

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) discourages federal activities that would convert farmland to nonagricultural purposes.	Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 4201 et seq.)	7 CFR Part 658

1. Does your project include any activities, including new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land or conversion, that could convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use?

Yes

✓ No

If your project includes new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land or conversion, explain how you determined that agricultural land would not be converted:

NJ-GeoWeb map for land use/land cover demonstrates no agricultural land is present at this location or in the surrounding area. The land at this location is categorized as urban and forest.

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload all documents used to make your determination below.

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

This project does not include any activities that could potentially convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use. The project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act. The Farmland Protection Policy Act does not apply to projects already in or committed to urban development or those that could otherwise not convert farmland to non-agricultural uses. The act is not applicable to this project because the land at and surrounding this project is for urban and forest land use only.

Supporting documentation

[NJ GeoWeb Map Land Use\(1\).pdf](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No

Floodplain Management

General Requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, requires federal activities to avoid impacts to floodplains and to avoid direct and indirect support of floodplain development to the extent practicable.	Executive Order 11988	24 CFR 55

1. Do any of the following exemptions apply? Select the applicable citation? [only one selection possible]

- 55.12(c)(3)
- 55.12(c)(4)
- 55.12(c)(5)
- 55.12(c)(6)
- 55.12(c)(7)
- 55.12(c)(8)
- 55.12(c)(9)
- 55.12(c)(10)
- 55.12(c)(11)

None of the above

2. Upload a FEMA/FIRM map showing the site here:

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplains. The FEMA Map Service Center provides this information in the form of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). For projects in areas not mapped by FEMA, use **the best available information** to determine floodplain information. Include documentation, including a discussion of why this is the best available information for the site.

Does your project occur in a floodplain?

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

This project does not occur in a floodplain. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11988. HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 55 outline HUD's procedures for complying with EO 11988. This applies to HUD actions that could be harmed or cause harm if located in a floodplain, including but not limited to proposed acquisition, construction, demolition, improvement, disposition, and financing actions under any HUD program. The project is not located in a floodplain and thus the above actions are not applicable to this project.

Supporting documentation

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Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No

Historic Preservation

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Regulations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) require a consultative process to identify historic properties, assess project impacts on them, and avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects	Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f)	36 CFR 800 "Protection of Historic Properties" https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2012-title36-vol3/pdf/CFR-2012-title36-vol3-part800.pdf

Threshold

Is Section 106 review required for your project?

- No, because the project consists solely of activities listed as exempt in a Programmatic Agreement (PA). (See the PA Database to find applicable PAs.)
- ✓ No, because the project consists solely of activities included in a No Potential to Cause Effects memo or other determination [36 CFR 800.3(a)(1)].
- Yes, because the project includes activities with potential to cause effects (direct or indirect).

Threshold (b). Document and upload the memo or explanation/justification of the other determination below:

The project involves the demolition of a building that was previously destroyed by a fire and the reconstruction of a building in the same location. No historical significant structures remain in use in the area of the proposed construction.

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Based on the project description the project has No Potential to Cause Effects. The project is in compliance with Section 106.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

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Yes

✓ No

Noise Abatement and Control

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD’s noise regulations protect residential properties from excessive noise exposure. HUD encourages mitigation as appropriate.	Noise Control Act of 1972 General Services Administration Federal Management Circular 75-2: “Compatible Land Uses at Federal Airfields”	Title 24 CFR 51 Subpart B

1. What activities does your project involve? Check all that apply:

New construction for residential use

Rehabilitation of an existing residential property

NOTE: For major or substantial rehabilitation in Normally Unacceptable zones, HUD encourages mitigation to reduce levels to acceptable compliance standards. For major rehabilitation in Unacceptable zones, HUD strongly encourages mitigation to reduce levels to acceptable compliance standards. See 24 CFR 51 Subpart B for further details.

A research demonstration project which does not result in new construction or reconstruction

An interstate land sales registration

Any timely emergency assistance under disaster assistance provision or appropriations which are provided to save lives, protect property, protect public health and safety, remove debris and wreckage, or assistance that has the effect of restoring facilities substantially as they existed prior to the disaster
None of the above

4. Complete the Preliminary Screening to identify potential noise generators in the vicinity (1000’ from a major road, 3000’ from a railroad, or 15 miles from an airport).

Indicate the findings of the Preliminary Screening below:

There are no noise generators found within the threshold distances above.

- ✓ Noise generators were found within the threshold distances.

5. **Complete the Preliminary Screening to identify potential noise generators in the**

- ✓ Acceptable: (65 decibels or less; the ceiling may be shifted to 70 decibels in circumstances described in §24 CFR 51.105(a))

Indicate noise level here: 65

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis below.

Normally Unacceptable: (Above 65 decibels but not exceeding 75 decibels; the floor may be shifted to 70 decibels in circumstances described in §24 CFR 51.105(a))

Unacceptable: (Above 75 decibels)

HUD strongly encourages conversion of noise-exposed sites to land uses compatible with high noise levels.

Check here to affirm that you have considered converting this property to a non-residential use compatible with high noise levels.

Indicate noise level here: 65

Document and upload noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis below.

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Compliance Determination

A Noise Assessment was conducted. The noise level was acceptable: 65.0 db. See noise analysis. The project is in compliance with HUD's Noise regulation. Project is not located within 1,000 ft of major roadway or within 15 miles of a military or FAA-

regulated civil airfield. The project is located ~865 ft from Reading Railroad West Trenton NJ, within the acceptable range for railroads.

Supporting documentation

[Mercer County Roadway Map_NJ Gov.pdf](#)

[Google Earth Trenton Mercer Airport.jpg](#)

[Google Earth Railroad.jpg](#)

[ESCC GeoWeb map\(1\).pdf](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No

Sole Source Aquifers

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 protects drinking water systems which are the sole or principal drinking water source for an area and which, if contaminated, would create a significant hazard to public health.	Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 201, 300f et seq., and 21 U.S.C. 349)	40 CFR Part 149

1. Does the project consist solely of acquisition, leasing, or rehabilitation of an existing building(s)?

Yes

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

No

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Based on the project description, the project consists of activities that are unlikely to have an adverse impact on groundwater resources. The project is in compliance with Sole Source Aquifer requirements. The project involves the reconstruction of an existing building that was damaged by fire, these activities are unlikely to have adverse impacts on groundwater.

Supporting documentation

[Sole Source Aquifer Map.pdf](#)

[Region-2-MOU-Between-HUD-and-EPA.pdf](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

Wetlands Protection

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Executive Order 11990 discourages direct or indirect support of new construction impacting wetlands wherever there is a practicable alternative. The Fish and Wildlife Service’s National Wetlands Inventory can be used as a primary screening tool, but observed or known wetlands not indicated on NWI maps must also be processed Off-site impacts that result in draining, impounding, or destroying wetlands must also be processed.	Executive Order 11990	24 CFR 55.20 can be used for general guidance regarding the 8 Step Process.

1. Does this project involve new construction as defined in Executive Order 11990, expansion of a building’s footprint, or ground disturbance? The term "new construction" shall include draining, dredging, channelizing, filling, diking, impounding, and related activities and any structures or facilities begun or authorized after the effective date of the Order

No

✓ Yes

2. Will the new construction or other ground disturbance impact an on- or off-site wetland? The term "wetlands" means those areas that are inundated by surface or ground water with a frequency sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances does or would support, a prevalence of vegetative or aquatic life that requires saturated or seasonally saturated soil conditions for growth and reproduction. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas such as sloughs, potholes, wet meadows, river overflows, mud flats, and natural ponds.

"Wetlands under E.O. 11990 include isolated and non-jurisdictional wetlands."

✓ No, a wetland will not be impacted in terms of E.O. 11990’s definition of new construction.

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload a map or any other relevant documentation below which explains your determination

Yes, there is a wetland that be impacted in terms of E.O. 11990’s definition of new construction.

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

The project will not impact on- or off-site wetlands. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11990. Project involves the reconstruction of an existing building, the land surrounding the existing building is already developed and unlikely to contain wetlands.

Supporting documentation

[Web Soil Survey Hydric Soil Rating Map.pdf](#)

[NJ-GeoWeb Wetlands Map.pdf](#)

[National Wetlands Inventory Map.pdf](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No

Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act provides federal protection for certain free-flowing, wild, scenic and recreational rivers designated as components or potential components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (NWSRS) from the effects of construction or development.	The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271-1287), particularly section 7(b) and (c) (16 U.S.C. 1278(b) and (c))	36 CFR Part 297

1. Is your project within proximity of a NWSRS river?

No

Yes, the project is in proximity of a Designated Wild and Scenic River or Study Wild and Scenic River.

Yes, the project is in proximity of a Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI) River.

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

This project is not within proximity of a NWSRS river. The project is in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Supporting documentation

[NJ-GeoWeb - Wild and Scenic Rivers.pdf](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No

Environmental Justice

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Determine if the project creates adverse environmental impacts upon a low-income or minority community. If it does, engage the community in meaningful participation about mitigating the impacts or move the project.	Executive Order 12898	

HUD strongly encourages starting the Environmental Justice analysis only after all other laws and authorities, including Environmental Assessment factors if necessary, have been completed.

1. Were any adverse environmental impacts identified in any other compliance review portion of this project's total environmental review?

Yes

No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

No adverse environmental impacts were identified in the project's total environmental review. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 12898.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

No